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BRAINERD INSTITUTE,

CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

THIS INSTITUTION, founded and maintained by the Presbyterian Church for the education of colored youth, is located in the hill country of Upper South Carolina, in the midst of a dense colored population.

It is in the midst of a large group of colored churches, is very central in Fairfield Presbytery, and is the only institution for the Higher Education of these people within the bounds of the Presbytery and along the hundred miles of Railway from Biddle University to the Baptist and Methodist Institutions of Columbia.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT is in the old buildings, erected soon after the war, not far from the centre of the town, but the HIGHER and NORMAL DEPARTMENTS, YOUNG LADIES HALL, RESIDENCE OF TEACHERS, and the NEW BUILDING, now in process of erection, are on a beautifully sloping eminence overlooking the town, less than a third of a mile eastward from the Depots, and in conspicuous view from the Railroads.

The grounds of the INSTITUTE are not only ample and beautiful, but exceptionally favorable for healthfulness; the drainage is excellent, each group of buildings being on a separate gentle elevation, the "Old Mansion" on the exact watershed between the Broad and Catawba Rivers; the situation is thus most favorable for the collection of large numbers of youth without danger from endemic diseases.

Testimonial.

A building is now in process of erection for the use of the BRAINERD INSTITUTE and the enlargement of its sphere of usefulness. I most cheerfully commend the enterprise to all who can aid in its erection. The Principal, REV. SAMUEL LOOMIS, has had his residence in the town of Chester, S. C., and has been engaged in teaching the colored people for nearly twenty years. He has been quiet but energetic and persevering in his vocation, and successful in organizing and supplying churches, and in building up a school inferior to none in the country in capacity and earnestness of his corps of teachers, and in the number, good order, and mental and moral training of pupils. He is a most excellent citizen withal. He deserves the gratitude of the colored people, and has earned and possesses the esteem of all good people, white or colored, that know him.

GILES J. PATTERSON,
State Senator from Chester County.

We heartily concur in the above:

JAMES HEMPHILL,
President of Board of Trustees of Gen'l Assembly Sou. Pres. Ch'rh.

J. J. MCLURE,
President of Nat. Bank of Chester.

J. L. HARRIS,
Cashier Nat. Bank of Chester.

S. E. BABCOCK, M. D.

H. F. CHREITZBERG,
Pastor Methodist E. Church, South, and Secretary So. Ca. Conference.

R. W. SANDERS,
Pastor Baptist Church.

JAS. S. MOFFATT,
Pastor A. R. P. Church.

GEORGE SUMMEY,
Pastor Presbyterian Church. and Managing Editor So. Pres. Quarterly

Chester, S. C., March 5, 1888.

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TO THE PRESENT AND FORMER STUDENTS

AND ALL FRIENDS OF

BRAINERD INSTITUTE.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to commence a new school building to be called

CENTENNIAL HALL.

It is to be one hundred and twenty-five feet in length and two and a half stories high, providing School-Rooms, Chapel, Library and Reading-Room, Science-Room, and Dormitories for young men.

The "Old Mansion" on the hill will then be given up wholly for the Boarding Department and

THE YOUNG LADIES HALL.

Accommodations will in this way be provided for the young men away from the valley across the railroad, convenient to the work, more favorable to health, in more wholesome surroundings, and under more immediate supervision and care.

The work of the new building is to be done mainly by Student Labor.

Enough means have been obtained to warrant the commencement of the building, but for its completion we shall need the help of all who have been interested in this work in the past, and who are anxious for its prosperity in the future.

When completed, nearly one hundred and fifty young men and women can find pleasant rooms and boarding accommodations in the Institute buildings.

We are now opening books for contributions, and shall be glad to receive subscriptions from twenty-five cents upwards.

All subscriptions will be carefully recorded in a volume and preserved for future reference, and all moneys received will be deposited in the National Bank of Chester.

In making contributions, you may meet with friends who will be ready to join you, and willingly add their help that BRAINERD INSTITUTE may become, in largely increased measure, through coming years a fountain of educational, moral, and religious influence.

S. LOOMIS, PRINCIPAL.

CHESTER, S. C., Feb. 14, 1888.

The taste and skill of the Teachers and students of the Industrial Department, in Landscape Gardening, find abundant scope in ornamenting and beautifying the grounds, with vegetable garden, vineyard, orchard, and lawn, and about a fourth of a mile of carriage ways and walks, which are being lined with shrubbery, roses, chrysanthemums, and other floral decorations.

The INSTITUTE has a corps of eight teachers well fitted and qualified for their several spheres of labor.

The educational work the INSTITUTE aims to accomplish is

INDUSTRIAL,

through the workshop, on the grounds, and in the domestic work of the Boarding and Young Ladies Department;

NORMAL,

preparing teachers for the Public Schools of the country;

SCIENTIFIC,

with extended courses in the natural sciences, illustrated with microscope and telescope, and from extensive lithological, geological, mineralogical and botanical collections, much attention being also given to hygienic study and training;

BIBLICAL,

with daily studies for the moulding of character, and special training for Christian service;

PRACTICAL,

by preparing for the *actual* duties of the *actual* spheres of life and effort.

A new building, one hundred and twenty-five feet in length, and two and a half stories high, with School Rooms, Chapel Library, Reading-Room, Science-Room, and Dormitories for young men, is being erected mainly by student labor.

The last year has been one of marked prosperity, the entire enrollment being somewhat above three hundred, over eighty in

attendance from abroad, and about sixty boarding in the buildings; the health of the scholars in the main is excellent; there has been much devotion to study and all matters of improvement; gracious revivings followed the "Day of Prayer" and numbers were gathered into the fold of Christ.

Chester is easily accessible by railroad from every direction.

That the future of BRAINERD INSTITUTE may have through many generations a career marked distinguishingly and preeminently by Biblical and Spiritual training, by an unceasing succession of the reviving showers of Heavenly grace—the mantle of DAVID BRAINERD resting on the laborers, and the Master's spirit animating, inspiring and guiding all the work—is the hope and prayer of those who have been permitted to labor in its early history, but are now drawing near the close of their lengthy, toilsome, sometimes discouraging but often joyous service.

S. LOOMIS, Principal.

MARCH 10, 1888.